



BONNEVILLE COUNTY PROFILE

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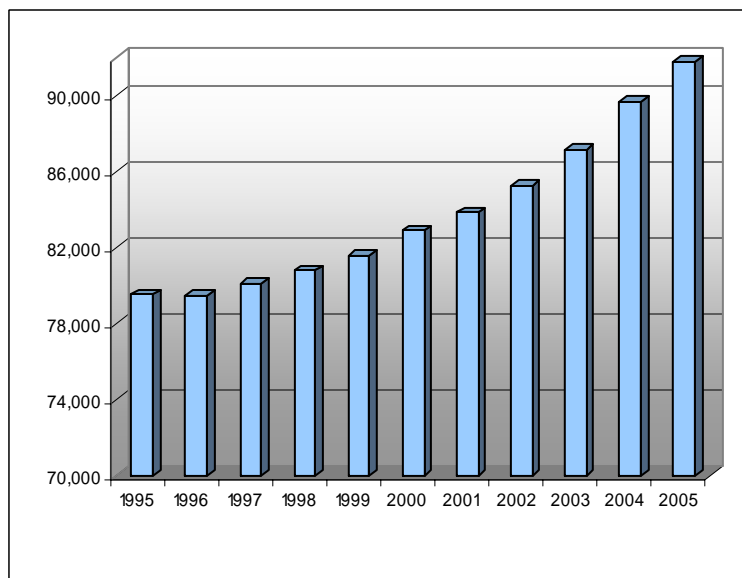
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Population

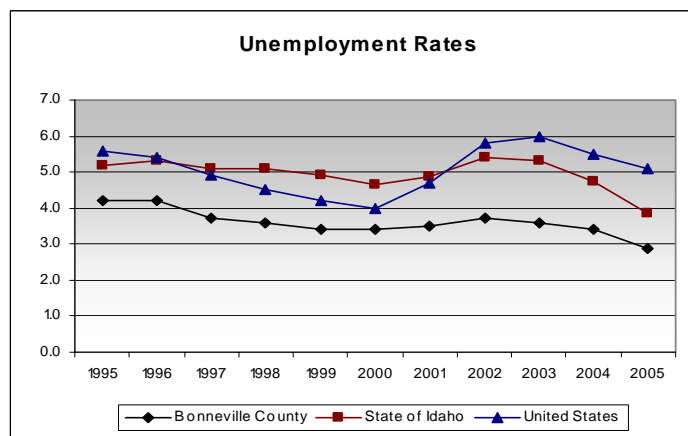
By population, Bonneville County is the fourth largest county in the state. The 1995 population of 79,527 has steadily grown over the decade to 91,856, an increase of 15.5 percent or 12,329 people. The county experienced a small decrease of 68 people between 1995 and 1996, with large layoffs from the main contractor of what is now the Idaho National Laboratory (INL). The largest increase in the county (2,416 people) is seen between the years of 2003 to 2004. Economic diversity and concentration in economic development continue to help the area grow. From population estimates at the 2000 census, Bonneville and Jefferson counties together qualified to become a Metropolitan Statistical area, now called the Idaho Falls MSA. Idaho Falls, the county's largest city, is the third largest city in the state at 52,148 people as of 2004.



Labor Force & Employment

Bonneville County has remained below the national and state average unemployment rates throughout the decade. With an average unemployment rate of 3.6 percent from 1995 to 2005, the county shows economic stability and independent cooperation with one of the state's largest employment sites, the Idaho National Laboratory. Economic diversification has been a top priority for governing and economic development officials.

The *Civilian Labor Force* increased by more than 5,800 over the decade. (*Civilian Labor Force* consists of those working or seeking work who are 16 year of age and non-institutionalized and non-military.) During the same time frame, unemployment decreased by over 380 people. The county is a regional hub for medical services and retail consumption. Therefore, the consumer pool and client base



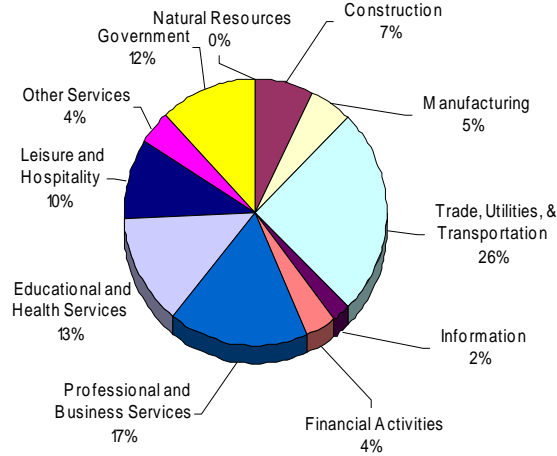
extend to many counties and several states that surround Bonneville County. A skilled and dedicated workforce has been cited as a plus for the county in attracting and expanding businesses.

The expansion and entrance of several large malt plants, Anheuser Busch and Grupo Modelo, are helping add stability to barley farmers. Professional developments are emerging throughout the Idaho Falls and Ammon area, such as the elegant Taylor Crossing on the River. New restaurants such as the Olive Garden are adding to the growing economy. Construction continues to be heavy.

| Labor Force | May 2005 | May 2006 |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 49,924 | 51,827 |
| Total Employment | 48,377 | 50,376 |
| Unemployed | 1,547 | 1,450 |
| Bonneville County % Unemployed | 3.1 | 2.8 |
| State of Idaho % Unemployed | 3.9 | 3.4 |
| U.S. % Unemployed | 5.1 | 4.7 |

| Labor Force | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 43,535 | 44,106 | 45,402 | 45,936 | 46,507 | 41,521 | 42,371 | 43,226 | 45,464 | 46,357 | 49,367 |
| Unemployment | 1,815 | 1,832 | 1,675 | 1,664 | 1,598 | 1,408 | 1,487 | 1,613 | 1,629 | 1,578 | 1,432 |
| % of Labor Force Unemployed | 4.2 | 4.2 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.4 | 2.9 |
| Employment | 41,720 | 42,274 | 43,727 | 44,272 | 44,909 | 40,112 | 40,884 | 41,613 | 43,834 | 44,779 | 47,935 |

Nonfarm Payroll Jobs for 2004



Covered Employers

Covered Employment includes employers who are subject to state and federal Unemployment Insurance laws. These laws apply to approximately 92 percent of Idaho's employers.

Trade, Utilities & Transportation account for more than a quarter of the county's jobs. Of that, Trade is by far the largest. Professional & Business Services is the next largest sector and this is where most of the INL jobs are classified. Government and Educational & Health Services are also large. Manufacturing numbers have been slightly falling over the past several years, in part due to more high-tech automation and consolidation of facilities. Average Employment increased by over 1,500 from 2003 to 2004 while Average Wages increased by almost \$1,000.

Major Employers (Private)

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|---------------------------------------|
| Battelle Energy Alliance |
| Bechtel Bettis |
| Bechtel BWXT |
| Center Partners |
| Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center |
| Melaleuca, Inc. |
| Qwest Communications |
| Wal-Mart |

| Eastern ID Occupational Wages* | Average Wage |
|--|--------------|
| Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerk | \$11.30 |
| Cashiers | \$7.79 |
| Computer Specialists | \$27.64 |
| Construction Trades Workers | \$16.84 |
| Customer Service Reps | \$9.86 |
| Engineers (All) | \$35.42 |
| Financial Clerks | \$11.50 |
| Food & Beverage Serving Workers | \$6.59 |
| Food Processing Workers | \$9.97 |
| Information & Record Clerks | \$10.28 |
| Laborers & Material Movers, hand | \$8.45 |
| Law Enforcement Workers | \$16.21 |
| Registered Nurses | \$21.70 |
| Retail Sales Workers | \$9.52 |

* Wage data includes 15 counties in and around this county area. Additional Occupational Wage data can be found on the Idaho Commerce & Labor website at cl.idaho.gov/lmi.

| Covered Employment & Average Annual Wages Per Job for 1994, 2003, & 2004 | 1994 | | 2003 | | 2004 | |
|--|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Average Employment | Average Wages | Average Employment | Average Wages | Average Employment | Average Wages |
| Total Covered Wages | 33,958 | \$22,719 | 42,648 | \$28,752 | 44,196 | \$29,737 |
| Agriculture | 630 | \$14,349 | 596 | \$22,395 | 526 | \$22,976 |
| Mining | * | * | 21 | \$22,598 | 19 | \$22,649 |
| Construction | 2,458 | \$28,102 | 3,084 | \$31,148 | 3,219 | \$30,154 |
| Manufacturing | 1,984 | \$26,604 | 2,383 | \$26,653 | 2,347 | \$28,062 |
| Trade, Utilities, & Transportation | 9,022 | \$17,986 | 10,683 | \$24,438 | 11,068 | \$25,670 |
| Information | 574 | \$23,595 | 830 | \$30,894 | 1,015 | \$33,801 |
| Financial Activities | 1,374 | \$20,232 | 1,639 | \$29,978 | 1,670 | \$30,487 |
| Professional and Business Services | 4,835 | \$36,645 | 7,357 | \$41,949 | 7,621 | \$44,065 |
| Educational and Health Services | 3,640 | \$24,206 | 5,423 | \$30,772 | 5,834 | \$31,581 |
| Leisure and Hospitality | 3,398 | \$8,637 | 4,067 | \$10,228 | 4,328 | \$10,263 |
| Other Services | 1,076 | \$13,540 | 1,286 | \$19,134 | 1,313 | \$20,407 |
| Government | 4,960 | \$25,724 | 5,278 | \$33,202 | 5,238 | \$34,029 |

| Per Capita Income | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Bonneville County | \$19,541 | \$20,107 | \$20,744 | \$21,643 | \$22,641 | \$23,652 | \$25,394 | \$25,760 | \$26,632 | \$27,888 |
| State of Idaho | \$18,707 | \$19,426 | \$20,248 | \$20,648 | \$21,789 | \$22,786 | \$24,075 | \$25,185 | \$25,330 | \$26,877 |
| United States | \$22,172 | \$23,076 | \$24,175 | \$25,334 | \$26,883 | \$27,939 | \$29,845 | \$30,575 | \$30,804 | \$31,472 |

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